(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Development of tourism infrastructure is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism takes up schemes at tourist centres on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments, merits of the proposal, availiability of funds and *interse* priorities. During the Seventh Five Year Plan, the following projects have been taken up in the Central Sector for promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh:

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	1985-86		
1	Provision of boats for Hussainsagar, Ramappa & Pakhal Lakes	5·30	4·75
2	Wayside facilities with accommodation at Lepakshi	16·48	4·00
3	Construction of cafeteria with accommodation at Nagarjunasagar	23·70	5·00
4	Additional accommodation at Pakhal	2·33	1·50
5	Cottages at Rishikonda	20·80	5·00
6	Additional accommodation at Ramappa	20·80	5·00
7	Yatri Niwas at Hyderabad	25·29	10·00
8	Sound & Light Show at Golconda Fort	49·40	20·00
9	Master Plan for Golconda	3·12	0·75

The following proposals have provisionally been approved subject to completion of certain formalities :

1. Cottage complex at Pulicat Lake
2. Water Sports at Nagarjunasagar
3. Water Sports of Bhavanipura island near Vijayawada.
4. Water Sports at Rishikonda
5. Floodlighting of Lepakshi Temple, Hyderabad

Rise in the prices of yarn

1747. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last six months prices of 40s yarn have shot up by over 50 per cent from Rs. 38 to Rs. 54 per kg;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a further rise in the prices of yarn is expected which will lead to speculative activity and shortage of yarn for knitted garments, affecting adversely their export; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to remedy the situation so that the export of garments is not affected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According

to the information of Bombay market prices furnished by the Textile Commissioner, between 24.1.87 and 25.7.87, the prices of cotton cone yarn of 40s count has gone up from Rs. 37.83 to Rs. 42.26 per kg. which represents an increase of 12%.

(b) and (c) The export of cotton hosiery have not been affected on account of the price rise. According to information furnished by Apparel Export Promotion Council, the exports of cotton hosiery amounted to Rs. 151 crores in the period January-May, 87 against the exports of Rs. 71 crores during the corresponding period last year, representing an increase of 113%.

Death of an Indian author in USA

1748. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of an Indian author and writer in Gridley, Californisa, USA in August 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Embassy in Washington informed the relatives of the author in India;

(d) if so, when; and

(e) whether the property and other assets of the author have been allowed to be sent to India to his relatives by the US authorities through the Indian Embassy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dr. Ram Chandra Jha, an Indian author died in Gridley, California, USA in August, 1986 due to illness.

(c) No, Sir. The Indian Embassy was not informed of the death by the local authorities. They came to know of it from the relatives of the deceased, who were informed direct by the US authorities.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The relatives have been informed that as the deceased author died insolvent, the personal effects can be sent to them provided they meet the transportation costs.

Government purchases

1749. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments as well as the DGS&D buy non-ISI certified products despite Central Government's directive to make purchases of ISI marked products as far as possible; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The State Governments have only been advised at the level of Chief Secretaries and Chief Ministers in July, 1986 and February, 1987 respectively for increased purchases of ISI marked goods. No monitoring of information about products purchased by State Governments is undertaken by the Central Government. A few State Governments have, however, intimated that they have instructed their Departments to follow the advice of the Central Government for increased purchases of ISI marked goods.

From May, 1986, as a matter of policy, the DGS&D are required to purchase ISI marked products, and to adhere to ISI specifications in cases of non-availability of ISI marked products. DGS&D have, however, to go in for non-ISI marked products in some cases for reasons like (i) non-availability of ISI marked goods, (ii) uncompetitive